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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

March 8, 2006

In re the Application of

Masaaki KURIHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Application No.: 10/614,345

Examiner: J. RUGGLES

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Docket No.: 123770

For: PHASE MASK FOR FORMING DIFFRACTION GRATING, METHOD OF FABRICATING
PHASE MASK AND METHOD OF FORMING DIFFRACTION GRATING

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired December 8, 2005, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 177440 in the amount of \$1020.00 in payment for:

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